

## Midwest and Intermountain Regions Participate in CFP Workshops

April was a busy month for the Climate Friendly Parks (CFP) Program! With the Call to Action challenging the NPS to “Go Green”, several parks throughout the Midwest and Intermountain Regions took the challenge and completed yet another milestone in the process of becoming a Climate Friendly Park.

During the first two weeks of the month, staff from the Sustainable Operations and Climate Change branch (SOCC) of the Park Facility Management Division (PFMD) – with the help of several park and region representatives – facilitated two cluster workshops in the MWR. The first workshops took place at the South Dakota Game Fish & Parks-operated Outdoor Campus West while the second workshop was held at the Blue Bell Lodge in Custer State Park. Participants included staff from Agate Fossil Beds NM (AGFO), Badlands NP (BADL), Devils Tower NM (DETO), Fort Laramie NHS (FOLA), Jewel Cave NM (JECA), Mount Rushmore NM (MORU), Scotts Bluff NM (SCBL) and Wind Cave NP (WICA) as well the MWR I&M network, several regions and visiting parks, like Cuyahoga Valley NP (CUYA).

The third week of April also proved successful as Intermountain Region’s San Antonio Mission NHP (SAAN) hosted a workshop at the Slattery Hall near San Juan Mission in San Antonio, TX.

Workshop highlights include countless informative presentations and activities facilitated by guest speakers from both regions, numerous parks, USGS, and GSA; several university representatives from Oglala Lakota College, USD Oral History Center, University of Texas and SFA State University (TX); and local residents and representatives including ranchers, waste managers and energy management companies.

The Climate Friendly Parks Program is a great tool for parks to support the Director’s Call to Action and the recently released Green Parks Plan. As the NPS continues to respond to environmental issues occurring across the country, the CFP program provides opportunities for staff to learn more about the science of climate change, managing park resources with a sustainability focus and educating visitors about what actions your park is taking and how they can help to reduce their personal environmental ‘footprint’.

For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/climatefriendlyparks](http://www.nps.gov/climatefriendlyparks).